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**WEAR OF THE AETC INSTRUCTOR AND
MASTER INSTRUCTOR BADGES**

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This instruction implements AFD 36-29, *Military Standards*, and establishes guidelines and eligibility criteria for the award and wear of the AETC instructor and master instructor badges. It applies to active duty, reserve, and civilian AETC instructors. Submit recommended changes to this instruction on AF Form 847, **Recommendation for Change of Publication**, to HQ AETC/DOVP (Policy Branch), 1 F Street Suite 2, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4325. (**NOTE:** Organizations not eligible to participate in established master instructor programs may develop their own program.)

Submit development proposals to HQ AETC/DOVP, the reviewing and approving authority. Organizations may develop supplements to this instruction. However, additional requirements and procedures must not contradict or be less restrictive. Submit these proposed supplements to HQ AETC/DOVP for review and approval before publication. Request for waivers should be submitted according to the guidance in paragraph 3.47 of AFI 33-360, volume 1, *Publications Management Program*.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Changes references from "technical training" to "operations training." Adds a requirement for all instructors to complete an instructor training course (ITC) (para 4.2.). Adds guidance on wear of the badge by interservice instructors of other services (para 5.1.). Adds guidance on establishing master instructor programs (para 7.). Clarifies criteria for presenting the badge (para 9.2.). A bar (|) in the left margin indicates a revision from the previous edition.

1. Purpose of the AETC Instructor and Master Instructor Badges. These badges serve as duty identifiers for instructors assigned to AETC category 1 formal training and education courses. These are courses conducted by organizations whose primary mission is education or training. Refer to AFCAT 36-2223, *USAF Formal Schools*, Part 1, General Information, for a detailed explanation of the categories

of formal courses. Wear of the instructor badge is limited to the duration of an assignment to a training or education organization.

2. Approval of the AETC Instructor Badge. The Air Force Permanent Uniform Board approved the AETC instructor badge for wear by AETC personnel whose primary duty assignment is "instructor" in a formal training and (or) education environment. Duty assignment may be in an AETC or interservice training or education program. The instructor badge is not to be regarded as a functional badge.

3. Wear of the AETC Instructor and Master Instructor Badges:

3.1. The AETC commander will authorize the wear of the AETC instructor and master instructor badges. This authority is delegated to wing or group commanders or their equivalent levels of control. Commanders will verify that the individual meets established requirements for wear of a designated badge, and commanders have the authority to disallow the wear of the badge within a specific organization for reasons unique to that organization.

3.2. Instructors who are reassigned to another primary duty in the wing or organization at the same base may continue to wear the AETC instructor badge for the duration of their assignment with that wing or organization.

3.3. Previous instructors who return to a wing or organization for another assignment as an instructor or training support personnel may wear the badge during this subsequent assignment.

4. Eligibility Criteria. Wing or group commanders or their equivalent levels of authority will ensure personnel meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

4.1. Hold the primary duty assignment of instructor or meet the condition described in either paragraph 3.2. or 3.3.

4.2. Complete the instructor training course (ITC) required for the assigned position.

NOTE: Instructors assigned to organizations aligned under Air University (AU), Second Air Force (2 AF), or Nineteenth Air Force (19 AF--enlisted aircrew instructors) will refer to AETCI 36-2202, Faculty Development and Master Instructor Programs, for specific ITC requirements.

4.3. Complete additional instructor training requirements established by the training wing or group, if applicable.

4.4. Complete a teaching practicum. **NOTE:** The badge may be worn while the instructor completes the teaching practicum phase of training.

5. Assignment of Interservice Instructors:

5.1. AETC instructors who are assigned to interservice education or training courses will wear the AETC instructor badge unless prohibited by the policy of the interservice school to which they are assigned.

5.2. Instructors who are members of other services, but are assigned to teach AETC courses, may wear the AETC instructor badge unless prohibited by the policy of their parent service. Eligibility requirements in paragraph 4. apply.

6. Retiring the Badge. The badge serves as a duty identifier. Personnel who are no longer assigned to a wing or organization directly involved in training or education development or delivery will discontinue the wear of the badge.

7. Master Instructor Programs. AETCI 36-2202 prescribes the requirements for achieving master instructor when assigned to operations training or survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) instructor positions. Other formal AETC education and training organizations may establish master instructor programs. Requirements for master instructor status will focus on professional growth and achievements above the normal requirements for instructors. Program requirements must be approved by HQ AETC/DOVP.

8. Master Instructor Badge. Instructors who have completed the requirements for their applicable master instructor program may wear the master instructor badge. Wing and group commanders are responsible for approving master instructor nominations.

9. Presentation of Badges:

9.1. Badges signify a prestigious achievement. Presentation should be made on an occasion that provides the instructor maximum recognition within the organization. An instructor training course graduation or a commander's call is an appropriate occasion for presenting the badge.

9.2. As an AETC duty identifier, the instructor badge is not normally worn by personnel assigned to other Air Force commands or organizations. (**NOTE:** Refer to paragraph 5. for guidance on interservice instructors.) A badge that would normally be presented as part of an instructor training course graduation or during another function should not be presented to a person who is not authorized to wear it.

10. Procurement of Badges. Organizations will budget for and issue the initial AETC instructor and master instructor badges. Local contracting offices are the source for purchase requests.

11. Rescission Authority. Wearers of the badge must maintain an image of professionalism and integrity. Squadron commanders may void authorization to wear the badge by individuals relieved from instructor duty because of failure to perform those duties satisfactorily or who demonstrate conduct that reflects discredit on the high standards associated with the badge. Individuals will be notified of this action by memorandum.

12. Positioning of the Badge. The badge or the cloth patch (authorized for wear on the battle dress uniform) will be worn according to AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*.

RICHARD C. MARR, Major General, USAF
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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFPD 36-29, *Military Standards*

AFI 33-360, volume 1, *Publications Management Program*

AFCAT 36-2223, *USAF Formal Schools*

AFI 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel*

AETCI 36-2202, *Faculty Development and Master Instructor Programs*